Practice Placement 1 (PP1)

PP1 offers students the first opportunity of learning in a practice setting. They are acquiring knowledge and a repertoire of foundational skills for functioning in practice placements. Students observe, practice and reflect on their performance. Where appropriate they take an active role with clients, applying knowledge and developing professional reasoning skills. They are expected to prepare for and contribute towards the midway and final evaluations of their performance.

PP1 is of six weeks duration, full time and is located in Year 1, Semester 1 for the MSc programme. In the BSc (Hons) programme it is located in Year 1, Semester 2. By the end of PP1 students should have successfully completed 217 hours (30 days equivalent) of practice education.

During PP1, students are given half a day of study time per week (four hours). The study time forms part of the working week and is included in the overall hours for the placement. This half day may be used in a flexible way and is negotiated with the practice educator.

Students should receive daily supervision throughout the placement, including a minimum of one hour formal supervision with the practice educator each week.

Learning outcomes for PP1

On completion of this module the student will be able to:

1. With guidance, display professional behaviours congruent with the Health and Care Professions Council Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics, and the College of Occupational Therapists Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.
2. Describe the contribution of occupational therapy within the context of the workplace, identifying the major factors that may influence service provision.
3. With guidance, work collaboratively with others and effectively utilise communication skills with service users and occupational therapy colleagues
4. With guidance, carry out interviews with service users and accurately document/report information about their occupational needs.
5. With guidance, observe service users and identify key issues which may be influencing their health, occupational engagement and occupational performance.
6. With guidance, identify and implement personal and professional goals and targets.

Practice Placement 1 recommended reading list


